

### **REMARKS**

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 3 May 2005. Responsive to that Office Action, Claims 1 -5 are now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 6 and 9 are amended for further prosecution with the other pending claims. Such amendment of claims is made to clarify the pending claims' recitations.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 6 – 12 for containing a typographical error in Claim 6. The Examiner then rejected Claims 1 and 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Lean reference. The Examiner also rejected Claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lean in view of the Stekelenburg reference in the case of Claim 2, and as being unpatentable over Lean in view of the Maddock reference in the case of Claim 3.

As for Claims 6 – 12, the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the formal objection set forth against them. Accordingly, Claim 6 is now amended to remove the typographic informality noted by the Examiner, as well as to correct for other typographic and grammatic errors incidentally noted therein by the undersigned attorney. In addition, Claim 9 is amended to remove another typographic informality incidentally noted therein.

Such amendments to the claims are purely formal in nature and incorporated merely for clarification purposes. In light of these amendments, it is believed that Claims 6 – 12 are now in allowable form.

Claims 1 – 5 are cancelled in the interests of expediting prosecution of this case, given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Such cancellation of claims is made without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the subject Patent Application has now been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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